

been seen by the State shikaris. I hope to verify this statement by personal observation during the summer.

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No. VI.—WILD BOAR WITHOUT TESTES.

Can you give me any information or explanation on a curious subject. We were pigsticking at Vinghool near Ahmedabad on Thursday, 15th June 1905, and killed a very good boar. His measurements were, height from heel to wither 29½". Tushes 2½" outside and huge upper tushes. His generative organs were perfect, except there was no sign of testes, or mark or scar where they had been. We cut him open but were unable to find anything at all. The shikaris told me that boars sometimes lost them fighting but there was no scar.

I am also inclined to think that he had not the same fighting pluck as a good boar of his size should have, as he had two opportunities of doing very serious damage but entirely neglected them.

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No. VII.—NOTE ON THE BREEDING OF THE KRAIT
(*BUNGARUS CŒRULEUS*).

On the morning of the 24th May 1905 while the Public Works coolies were engaged in digging out the old masonry work of the boiler-house behind the Plague Laboratory, they came on a live snake. The snake crawled away, but was at once caught and proved to be a krait, probably one which had escaped from its cage in the Laboratory some time before. Four eggs were found in the earth beside the snake, and later on, while digging further another one was found. Next morning, a sixth egg was unearthed, which being cracked, was opened by me and found to contain an embryo coiled up in a spiral form. It measured about six inches long, and had a reddish appearance reminding one of an earth worm. No scales are to be seen and the head appears disproportionately large. With a magnifying glass, however, the scales appear as circular bosses separated from one another by a space about as broad as their own diameter. One of the eggs was placed in a hole dug in the boiler house, and covered over with earth to see if it would hatch out. It was examined, from time to time, but the shell gradually shrivelled, and the whole became converted into a hard solid lump.

Two of the eggs were put in the cage where the kraits are kept and covered with the sand in the bottom of the cage, but they also have shrivelled up.